

In the Drawings:

Replace Figure 1 presently in the drawings with a replacement drawing figure.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

With the present amendment, the specification has been amended to provide appropriate headings and a replacement sheet of drawings has been submitted.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and Action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. Objection to the Drawings.

The Examiner objects to the drawing because of the improper labeling of the drawing figure. As noted above, a replacement sheet of the drawing figure, in which the improper label has been deleted, is being submitted herewith.

II. Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the Abstract for having an excessive number of words. A new Abstract in compliance with M.P.E.P. 608.01 (b) is being submitted herewith is being submitted herewith.

The Examiner also objects to the disclosure for reference to Fig. 1. As noted, the improper label has been corrected.

III. Rejection of Claims

The Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under the Doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 20-31 of the co-pending application Serial No. 10/737,276.

It is respectfully submitted that a Terminal Disclaimer enclosed herewith overcomes the obvious-type double patenting rejections of claims 1-24 over claims 20-31 of the co-pending application.

The submission of a Terminal Disclaimer does not constitute an acknowledgement that claims 1-24 of the instant application are obvious over claims 20-31 of the co-pending application Serial No. 10/737,276. In effect, applicants believe that the present invention, as defined by these claims, is patentable over claims 20-31 of application Serial No. 10/737,276. The Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alexander Zinchuk", written in black ink.

Alexander Zinchuk

Reg. No. 30,541

Abelman, Frayne & Schwab
666 Third Avenue, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10017-5621
212-885-9383